

**Diocesan Council
Report to the 225th Annual Diocesan Convention**

Regular meetings of Diocesan Council were held during the past year. Minutes of these meetings are on file in the Archives at Diocesan House and are available for reference.

All financial actions of the Diocesan Council are included in the reports of the Treasurer of the Diocese and written reports of the committees and departments represented by members of Diocesan Council are attached to the minutes.

Highlights from the Diocesan Council meetings held January – December, 2008 are as follows:

- Approved the Proposed 2008 Budget for submission to the Diocesan Convention.
- Approved the Preliminary 2009 Budget for submission to the Diocesan Convention.
- Approved mission assistance for St. John's, Fords, in the amount of \$8,000 for 2008.
- Approved paying 2/3 of the cost of a building inspection at Epiphany, Ventnor.
- Supported the statement of the Audit Committee.
- Authorized up to \$4,100 from Grace Church, Elizabeth's DIT account for an appraisal to be made for the possible sale of the church's properties.
- Authorized \$15,000 from Grace Church, Elizabeth's DIT account to pay unpaid bills for Fr. Liz for the year 2007.
- Authorized up to \$4,000 to have the building at All Saints', Highland Park, appraised.
- Approved an increase in the amount given to St. Andrew's, Camden, for building repairs from \$41,213 to \$42,243 from the proceeds of the sale of the Church of Our Saviour, Camden, and Holy Trinity, Delair.
- Approved the use of up to \$22,000 from the proceeds of the sale of the Church of Our Saviour, Camden, and Holy Trinity, Delair, to assist St. Mark's, Hammonton, in paying for the repairs needed for the rectory.
- Authorized the Church of the Ascension and St. Augustine's Church to each receive \$81,100 from the St. James' Fund for the year 2008.
- Welcomed members of the Class of 2011 and offered a brief orientation.
- Approved the grant from the Capital & Revolving Fund for San Jose, Elizabeth, in the amount of \$10,000 for emergency roof repairs.
- Authorized Canon Powers to work with Greenfaith to pursue their purchase of the All Saints', Highland Park, property.
- Authorized \$7,000 of the \$10,750 that was budgeted for St. Luke's, Westville, to be given to St. Barnabas', Villas, in the second half of 2008.
- Authorized an increase in St. Mark's-at-the Crossing, Williamstown's, assistance from \$10,000 to \$22,000 this year, if St. Uriel's, Sea Girt, approves the plan to make a three-year commitment.
- Approved the funding proposals for Church of the Epiphany, Ventnor, and St. Mary's, Pleasantville, for 2008 from the St. James' Fund. Requested that audits be required going forward.
- Made the following appointments for the 2008-2009 year:
 - Visitation Committee Chair: The Rev. Bruce Montgomery
 - Recording Secretary: Mrs. Mary Ann Rhoads
 - Corresponding Secretary: Mrs. Kathy O'Hagan
 - Finance & Budget Committee: The Rev. Martha McKee and the Rev. Dr. Gina Walsh-Minor
 - Board of Missions Representative: The Rev. Arthur Powell
 - Audit Committee Representatives: Mr. Ronald Sheay and Mr. Morris Anderson
- Approved the Atlantic City Mission Board budget for 2008.
- Approved the request for \$13,040 for the Episcopal Partners in Ministry of Cape May County from the Harriet Procter Matthews Fund.
- Approved an additional \$1,750 from the proceeds of the sale of the Camden and Delair Churches for St. Andrew's Church, Camden, to complete some of their work.

- Approved a grant in the amount of \$3,000 for the Diocesan Choir Camp.
- Endorsed a bridge loan from the Capital & Revolving Fund to St. Stephen's, Beverly.
- Endorsed a grant from the Capital & Revolving Fund to St. Alban's, New Brunswick.
- Approved an amendment to the Atlantic City Mission Board budget.
- Approved additional funding from the sales proceeds of Church of Our Saviour, Camden and Holy Trinity Church, Delair, to St. Paul's, Camden.
- Heard a report from the ad hoc committee on Diocesan Loan and Grant Funds.
- Heard a report on Migrant Ministry.
- Support the application process for New Dollars/New Partners for Sacred Places with funding of \$5,000 from the operating budget in 2009.
- Received an update on the work of the ad hoc committee on Diocesan Loan and Grant Funds.
- Approved the report of the sub-committee on Diocesan Loan and Grant Funds as presented to Diocesan Council on September 23, 2008 along with its five recommendations which when implemented will bring Diocesan Council into compliance with Canon 21.
- Recommended funding in the amount of \$15,000 from the MDG line item to the Good Shepherd Home for Children in Cameroon.
- The MDG sub-committee will look into a MDG project in the Diocese of Haiti for possible support of the remaining funds in the MDG line and report back at the December Council meeting.
- Approved the Board of Missions Grant Applications for 2009 in the amount of \$265,000 and the preliminary budget for 2010 in the amount of \$304,250.
- Approved the remaining monies in Line 35 Millennium Development Goals (\$6,131) be sent to ERD for the Comprehensive Development Project (CODEP), which is working to improve the food supply and sanitation systems in the Cormier watershed in the mountainous areas of southern Haiti.
- Received an update on the work of the ad hoc committee on Diocesan Loan and Grant Funds. This committee will meet following today's meeting.

Respectfully submitted,
Mary Ann Rhoads
Recording Secretary